

March 12, 1959

Mrs. Emma Weihrauch

Mrs. Emma Weihrauch, 80, longtime resident of Columbia, died Monday, March 2, at the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Aberdeen. Services were at 2:00 p. m., Thursday, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia with the Rev. Walter Keller officiating.

Burial was in the James cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sultz were soloists and Susan Moody was organist. Ushers were Allen Janner, Pat Buntrock and Adolph Bohling. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary attended in a group.

Pallbearers, all nephews of Mr. Weihrauch, were Lyle Von Wald, Clarence Von Wald and Reuben Lehman, all of Groton; Walter Weihrauch of St. Cloud, Minn., and J. Lange and Cyril Paepke, both of Aberdeen.

Emma Johanna Louise Paepke was born March 29, 1878, in Springfield Corners, Wis. She came with her parents to Bath in April 1882, and they made their home in Gem Township. On Oct. 13, 1896, she was married to William Weihrauch and they established their first home on a farm near Groton.

Mr. Weihrauch operated an elevator at James and they lived there for two years before moving to a farm west of James, where they resided until 1927, when they moved to Columbia. Mr. Weihrauch died in 1937. Mrs. Weihrauch continued to make her home in Columbia until four years ago when she went to live with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Ringenbier.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Ladies' Aid and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by one son, Albert Weihrauch, Columbia; two daughters, Mrs. Art (Gertrude) Ringenbier, Columbia, and Mrs. Donald (Eveline) Pratt, Long Beach, Calif.; a brother, William Paepke, Groton; three sisters, Mrs. Val Von Wald, Groton; and Mrs. Obe Berens and Mrs. Bertha Knox, both of Aberdeen; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, a son and four grandsons.

Mrs. Donald Pratt, Long Beach, Calif., Fred Weihrauch, Walter Weihrauch and Mrs. Mike Roskin of St. Cloud, Minn., were relatives from away attending the last rites.